

Argument Against Measure V

Firefighters and Police Officers oppose Measure V! Spending by city politicians is wildly out of control and has led to the layoff of 49 firefighters, the closure of five fire engine companies and the elimination of 80 police officer positions. Emergency response times are getting slower and will only get worse. Measure V puts our safety in jeopardy.

Please vote NO on Measure V, it is not what it seems. City Council Members voted to exclude the full text of the measure in this pamphlet. Why? Look at the fine print and you'll see it makes it *easier* to layoff firefighters, police officers and close neighborhood fire stations. Measure V could cause San Jose to fall below National Fire Protection Association recommended minimum staffing levels for fire companies, leaving staffing decisions to bureaucrats.

While closing fire companies and cutting neighborhood police patrols, city politicians continue to waste taxpayer dollars. They have spent millions for a fleet of city cars, tens of millions annually to pay the debt on their new City Hall, and millions more for pet projects, bonuses and consultants.

The current system resolves disagreements between the city and firefighters/police officers using an independent arbitrator who makes decisions after weighing all the facts and data.

Measure V is ill advised and was rushed on the ballot at the last minute. Even some of the supporters of the measure have admitted that the language is largely untried and is sure to invite lawsuits causing unintended costs.

Our politicians spend money we don't have. Now they want to make up for their overspending by balancing the budget at the expense of public safety. Let's hold City Hall accountable, **VOTE NO on Measure V.**

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